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PARIS LETTER

RISK OF ISOLATIONISM

By Maurice Carr

THE French satirical paper *Le Canard Enchaîné* has fallen on hard times: its set comic pieces nowadays are not, cannot possibly be, half as funny as the straight-forward reports of events appearing in the ordinary press.

The crazy course of world affairs was reviewed here this week at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, West Germany and France. There was not much practical business the Ministers could transact. The best they could do was exchange bitter reprimands, costed in diplomatic sugar, in the name of their respective Heads of State or Government who are responsible for — not to say guilty of — the conflicting foreign policies within the Western camp.

In the gilded halls of the Quai d'Orsay, it was the host, M. Couve de Murville, who came in for the biggest share of reproaches which were really aimed at course at his master, Gen. de Gaulle. The precise terms of the French answer, indirectly addressed to President Kennedy, Premier Macmillan and Chancellor Adenauer, are not known; but the general tenor is no secret, and may fairly be summed up in the homely phrase, "Yes, and you're another!"

Current international trends are threatening to sweep away the processes set in motion over the past couple of years by Gen. de

Gaulle. His most cherished ambition, of course, is to promote a Western European Confederation which, under French leadership, will become a third Super-Great Power equal to, independent from, and serving as a buffer between, America and Russia.

This plan has begun to go badly awry. Britain, thrusting into the background her Commonwealth obligations, has decided to join the European Common Market. Her motives are political no less than economic. Not content with the prospect of a cross-Channel bridge or tunnel, the British mean to span the Atlantic in such a way that London will be the principal link between the United States and the European Continent, which latter, inhabited as it is by unsafe Germans and unreliable Frenchmen, needs to be steadied by weighty Anglo-Saxon influence.

Vindicating De Gaulle

There is little that Gen. de Gaulle can do to counter the manoeuvre of "perfidious Albion." In quite unexpected and utterly grotesque fashion, however, Washington has demonstrated its own immaturity and thus vindicated the Gaullist aspiration to a European "third force." Once again, as in 1956 during the Suez crisis, the United States and the Soviet Union have tacitly joined forces against the interests of Western Europe — this time, not to save Nasser, but to destroy him.

The French attitude to Tahome is that, deplorable though his refusal may be to unite with the Congo, it is criminal madness on the part of the United Nations, with the material help of Washington and with the blessing of Moscow, to wage war when its mission is to keep the peace.

An ugly, dangerous precedent has been set. Military operations by the world body could be considered legitimate if they were designed either to avert a large-scale conflagration, or to halt an outbreak of intolerable inhumanity, such as genocide. But Tahome's Ka-tanga, whatever its faults, was not imperilling the future survival of mankind. Being small and vulnerable, though, it was attacked.

So, in Elizabethville, United Nations shells blasted away apparently to intimidate the population. To round things off, it would be better the U.N. World Health Organization to rush in medical relief. With a nice touch of grim humour, the U.N. forces demanded hand and were promised a supply of bombs from the British Government, but second thoughts on the subject have stopped delivery. Generally, Britain does not care to offend the United States, for she is determined to remain, come what may, America's favourite ally.

M. Couve de Murville, therefore, was able justifiably to rebuke his Anglo-Saxon colleagues in return for the remonstrances, they showered upon him. At the same time, he was able to demand that the U.N. forces be supplied with bombs from the British Government, but second thoughts on the subject have stopped delivery. Generally, Britain does not care to offend the United States, for she is determined to remain, come what may, America's favourite ally.

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Stand on Berlin

It is widely, and no doubt correctly, assumed that Gen. de Gaulle today rejects the idea of negotiations with Russia chiefly because France cannot play a significant role at the conference table so long as she herself is still embroiled in the Algerian conflict.

What is worse, there is even a suspicion that the French President would not be heartbroken if the Berlin crisis flared up to a point where it became necessary to ship the bulk of the French army to Germany, thus making sure that there will be no disaffected units around either on the west side of the Mediterranean or on French territory when the delicate moment comes for Algerian sovereignty to be handed over to the victorious F.L.N.

Gen. de Gaulle's intentions are debatable; in any case, his attitude is not intransigent, when approached by the West with an olive branch, as Gen. de Gaulle predicts; but at least an earnest attempt will have been made to avoid calamity. On the other hand, the chances are that, given ingenuity as well as sanity, an honourable settlement can be reached in Berlin as a first step to a wider easing of East-West tensions.

Berlin, to be sure, is only a pretext for Mr. Khrushchev's "thundering" what he mostly concerned about is to prevent the atomic armament of Germany, which he dreads. Here the Western powers, however, have a strong bargaining-counter which can exploit to secure a broader programme of disarmament with effective control.

The Germans are seeking to join the nuclear club and

are giving the impression of being frustrated in this matter. They may swap camps, entering into some kind of partnership with Moscow. It is essential, therefore, that any demilitarization agreement reached shall be so extensive as to make the Germans feel they are not the victims of continuing discrimination, although the creators of Auschwitz are given a little special treatment.

Since Gen. de Gaulle will not "play," President Kennedy has decided — with both British and German support — to press on with his efforts to obtain a U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. rapprochement without paying attention to Gaullist France. If bilateral talks should fail, then de Gaulle's wolfish prophecies will have been vindicated; but that will be poor consolation for this country, for global disaster will be in the offing. If, however, the conversation succeeds, France will have ousted herself from the deliberations of the Great Powers. Many Frenchmen, even some of the most fervent Gaullists who have reconciled themselves to surrender in Algeria, cannot understand why France should now expose herself to virtually total isolation in world affairs.

If France did not stand so aloof from her great allies, the West would not have the impudence to imprison her diplomats in Cairo. Gen. de Gaulle, in conversation with visitors, has dismissed the idea of a "fourth force." It may be just that, but it is a pretty ominous one.

Kennedy Off to Latin America

By NORA BELOFF

WASHINGTON (OFN) — COLOMBIA'S breaking off diplomatic relations with Cuba has sharpened interest in President Kennedy's visit this week-end to Colombia and Venezuela. Both moves have been attacked by Fidel Castro, who, last Saturday, accused the Colombian Government of stabbing Cuba in the back with "the dagger of treason," and declared Mr. Kennedy's trip was being made to prepare further aggression against Cuba.

There is some nervousness in Washington, similar to that in London which preceded the Queen's visit to Ghana, as the President prepares for his first visit to Latin America. It is acknowledged among officials here that there is some risk if it is not to the President's person, at least to his dignity, particularly in the slums of Caracas through which the President must travel tomorrow on his way from the airport into the city. But he is determined to make the trip, which he is reliably reported to consider an indispensable part of his Administration's new "Good Neighbour" policy and necessary evidence of his own personal commitment to the "Alliance for Progress" under which the Americans hope to modernise Latin America.

New Frontier Types

The choice of the first two republics to receive the U.S. President is a strictly political one. President Betan-

Unconventional War

Journalists Commute from Rhodesia to Katanga

By ANDREW WILSON

ELISABETHVILLE (OFN) — THERE is probably a cease-fire of anti-climax about any war until you find yourself caught in one of its occasional centres. And the Katanga war is no exception.

You can now drive into Elisabethville from Northern Rhodesia, 60 miles away, without difficulty. Most newspapers do it two or three times a week after going back to Kitwe or Ndola to file their stories.

You come up in the early morning, distributing the necessary cigarettes at the road blocks, and entering the city round the eastern flank of the United Nations line.

There is not a sound. Just deserted streets with some bullet-riddled signposts, the usual patrolling armoured cars and jeeps, and in front of the Hotel Leopold II a line of cars belonging to other newspapers, radio-men, television men and newsreel teams.

You lunch off this soup, a small piece of meat and an orange, and go for a siesta.

But no sooner have you closed your eyes than all hell is let loose. Sometimes it is a United Nations Canberra jet fighter-bomber strafing the deserted military camp or some other obvious target. Sometimes it is a fusillade of machineguns which seems to come from the bottom of the garden.

The other day I got up and saw a section of Katangese gendarmes, scruffy dressed in camouflage tunics and a variety of headgear, walking through the garden with a look of determination. I pulled on my clothes and drove around a couple of blocks to the point they were making for. I crossed the street and passed a Belgian bungalow, and entered a gate marked "Danger Zone — No Entry."

A group of gendarmes was spread out on the road, beyond them about 400 yards away, was a Katangese armoured car — an American pattern but with a heavy machinegun instead of the usual cannon in the turret. There was a great deal of

noise; the steady repeating sound of Katangese FN rifles, the short burping of sub-machineguns and the steady thump of heavy machineguns. Every so often there was the crump of four-inch mortars.

I asked the car commander where the enemy was, and he said, "Across the stream," about half a mile away. It was impossible to see them in the greenery and scrub, momentarily lit by a puce and crimson sunset, which came as a break in the rains. And in fact there were few, if any, bullets coming from them; though in the half-hour I stayed there, the Katangese company must have shot off four or five thousand rounds.

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Readers' Letters

CANCER DETECTION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of November 24 you report a speech on cancer detection given by Prof. Hochman to the Rotary Club of Haifa. Since the subject is of considerable importance and interest to the public, we feel that additional clarification of this report is desirable.

The general policy of the Israel Cancer Association is to use its influence, and direct its lay workers to bring about in this country the most efficient organization for the earliest detection of cancer.

The professional policies of the Israel Cancer Association are determined by a professional committee, which includes Prof. Hochman. Among its important considerations has been the development of the best methods for the early detection of the disease in the population of the country.

Up to the present one of the attempts at early detection have been the cancer detection clinics. These to the mind of the committee have a number of limitations that prevent them from being the best instruments for the purpose, in Israel as elsewhere in the world. Nevertheless, these clinics have resulted in the early detection of a number of cases, and from this point of view alone have justified their operation. The committee has already worked out new approaches to early detection, which are being carried out on an experimental basis. The new methods include in their programme the alerting of the medical profession to carry out routine screening examinations for early disease, as pointed out by Prof. Hochman in his talk.

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Mr. Ben-Gurion's exercises are undoubtedly inspired by his personal contact with U.N., who is devoted to meditation which even in Buddhist Burma is practised by relatively few lay people. Studying meditation comes naturally to Mr. Ben-Gurion, in whose character the effort to subjugate the emotions and body to will power is so prominent.

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ISRAEL'S WEEK

What to Do with Adolf Eichmann

NINETEEN months after his capture in Argentina in May 1960, Adolf Eichmann heard himself pronounced guilty of genocide by the Jerusalem District Court. Until the trial opened on April 11, 1961, world public opinion was divided about the legal and moral right of Israel to judge Eichmann. The State stood firm and weathered the diplomatic protest by Argentina. This firmness, coupled with a general recognition of Israel's right to try one of the most terrible figures in the history of anti-Semitism, brought public opinion behind Israel. Nevertheless, there are still some (though almost none in Israel) who believe the trial should not have taken place for legal and political reasons, and others who object to a death sentence under the circumstances.

Today the argument about Adolf Eichmann is being replaced by an entirely different one: Should Eichmann be put to death? In Israel—where the death penalty has been in general abolished—voices have been raised saying that no one has the right to take a life and even that there can be no punishment at all for such crimes. Others say the man who was found guilty of participating in the murder of millions of innocent persons should be sent abroad to be tried again and again in every country where he operated—but no other country has indicated that it is ready and able to do so. Others say he should be put to death in Israel.

Very few Israelis would care to have Eichmann buried in Israel on the assumption that he were to be executed, nor yet to have his body returned to Germany where it might conceivably be made the starting point for a neo-Nazi cult.

Ultimate Appeal

Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's counsel, is likely to appeal the verdict and sentence to be handed down this morning to the Supreme Court. If this court, which will be composed of five justices, upholds a death sentence, the next step would be an appeal to the President to commute the sentence. According to the law, the Minister of Justice forwards the file of the condemned man with his recommendation based on a study of the case and consultation with the Ca-

binet if he thinks fit. Normally the President would accept the recommendation of the Minister of Justice. So in the final analysis, the ultimate fate of Adolf Eichmann may be decided by two men of widely contrasting personalities: President Ben-Zvi and Minister of Justice Dov Joseph.

Mr. Ben-Zvi is a scholar and a humanitarian; Dr. Joseph is a hard-hitting administrator who several years ago brought down a storm of criticism on himself by remarking that judges in Israel were much too lenient. Of the characteristics that they do have in common, first and foremost is their idealism and sense of destiny. Both quit their native homelands. Mr. Ben-Zvi came from Russia and Dr. Joseph from Canada—when the thought of an independent state was a far distant vision; when hardships and uncertainties were the law of life.

Eichmann stands as the judges take their places to find him guilty of genocide.

Changing Guard

THE appointment of Abul-Mishah Oded Messer as Director-General of the Labour Ministry cannot wholly be considered a point gained for the political spoils system under the present Cabinet. Messer is staying as Director-General under the Development Ministry's new Minister, Dr. Giora Josephthal.

Lotan's Real Job

Further, the former Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, Dr. G. Lotan, always saw himself as only temporarily in that post, since he refused to relinquish the job which has his first loyalty, that of headmaster of the National Insurance Institute. Labour Minister Allon agreed that one man could not be expected to hold down two positions. So Dr. Lotan continues to work under Mr. Allon at the Institute, whereas the Labour Ministry will be run by Dr. Josephthal. Lotan's real job is to raise her customs duties unless special considerations (e.g., balance of payments difficulties) make this necessary. In fact a number of fellow-members of GATT were negotiated by the delegation which Mr. Israel Gal-Ed, Deputy Director of the Internal Revenue Department, headed in Geneva. GATT operates through a network of negotiations between member-countries, which accept the "most favoured nation" principle whereby any tariff reduction granted to one country must automatically be extended to all other member-countries.

Tariff Concessions

Perhaps the delegation's most important achievement is that the EFTA countries agreed not to raise their customs charge on winter oranges. This is at present 10 per cent in Britain and nothing in the Scandinavian countries. The European Common market has an average customs duty of 14 per cent on Shammul oranges that will be raised to an even 30 per cent throughout the tariff bloc. Britain and Norway likely candidates for membership of EEC—are not free any longer to comply unless they make concessions on other commodities, to compensate Israel for breaking the agreement.

Negotiations with the Common Market itself were important, and secured that bromine should be included in the wide range of industrial goods—whose tariffs have just been cut by 30 per cent. In the case of bromine the reduction from 28 to 18 per cent makes a significant difference to Israel's export prospects. Citrus juice, grapefruit, Valencia oranges and essential oils (including those made from orange peel) have also benefited from the 20 per cent cut—but not Shammul oranges, which compete with the produce of member-territories. In general the liberalization of agricultural imports in the EEC leans behind the low-tariff policy towards industrial commodities. Potash, however, which helps to fertilize Europe's farms, will be kept free of customs.

Another important agreement negotiated was with the U.S., reducing the import duty on synthetic diamonds (of which Israel is almost the world's sole producer) by one-fifth to eight per cent. Israel for her part undertook not to raise tariffs on a series of items (mainly wheat, raw materials and certain types of equipment) whose present import totals \$60m. She also reduced tariffs slightly on a number of industrial raw materials—but it is understood that the Treasury can make good the loss of revenue by slightly raising the purchase tax on the finished products made from these materials.

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Ties With Africa

ISRAEL'S close ties with the developing nations in Africa were given eloquent expression at the U.N. debate on the Arab refugee this week, when several of the African states joined half a dozen Latin American countries and the Netherlands in submitting a resolution calling for direct peace negotiations between the Arabs and Israel.

But the week also saw other significant efforts to strengthen and give expression to these friendships. In Dar-es-Salaam, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Moshe Dayan, watched the new Tanganyika flag going up atop Government House to celebrate the freedom of Africa's 20th independent state. Mr. Dayan, representing the Israel government at the Tanganyika celebrations, also brought with him an offer of 100 scholarships for Tanganyikan students for study in Israel.

Gay Celebration

Tanganyikan Independence Day was also celebrated in Jerusalem where students from various African states joined with their Tanganyikan and Israeli fellows in song and dance, and heard addresses by Minister of Education Abba Eban and African diplomats in Israel. (See pictures on Page 5)

This week Upper Volta marked its first year of independence and this too was celebrated in a colourful ceremony in Jerusalem. The festivities were broadcast by Kol Yisrael directly to Ouagadougou, the capital of Upper Volta. On Tuesday a street in Jerusalem was named Rehov Upper Volta, the first street in a non-African capital to be named in honour of an African country.

As if to emphasize that these friendships are the fruit of real mutual cooperation, the anti-Cairo movement also saw the report of Aluf Yehoshafat Harakabi on Israel's future economic cooperation programme with Tanganyika, and the visit of the Nigerian Federal Minister of Health, Dr. Moses A. Majekodunmi, who is here as a guest of the Government, examining Israel's public health facilities.

THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE

Syria: Crisis of Orientation

By Amnon Barak

THERE was no lack of variety on the Arab political landscape during the past week, though everything seems to have lacked conclusiveness. In Damascus the new Constituent Assembly—to be transformed into a Chamber of Deputies after six months—held its first meeting on Tuesday and already managed to approve the new Constitution, elect ex-Premier Mamoun al-Kusbari its first Speaker and name Nasim al-Kudsi President of the Syrian Arab Republic; yet it is not yet known what sort of Government will ensue and whether Kusbari will be chosen to head it.

The question is of considerable importance. Syria today is passing through what can be termed a crisis of orientation: Mamoun al-Kusbari and his followers are out-and-out anti-Socialist and seem to favour a kind of association with neighbouring Jordan, while another, more moderate school of thought which seems to have the blessings of the majority of army officers is willing to preserve some of the social reform measures introduced by the Egyptians and appears to have a strong inclination towards General Kassem's Iraq.

The dismissal and arrest of Colonel Kusbari, a cousin of the ex-Premier, and the resignation of Mamoun al-Kusbari himself are now both attributed to a strong pro-Jordanian sympathy. Colonel Kusbari is in fact said to have had used funds from King Hussein to effect the anti-Cairo movement and to have been in constant touch with Amman's agents. His dismissal is taken to be a sign that the anti-Hussein and pro-Kassem element in the army has got the upper hand.

What remains to be seen is how much support the Kusbari school will obtain in the new House. The fact that he has been elected Speaker by a considerable majority (114 out of 172) may possibly show which way the wind is blowing, although it may equally like-

ly indicate a movement to put Kusbari on the list of retired politicians. In the present state of affairs in Damascus much still seems to depend on the wishes of the army officers who executed the anti-Egyptian coup—and the army does not see eye to eye with Amman. It is significant in this connection that the Syrian economic mission, which has already concluded far-reaching trade agreements with Baghdad and Riyadh, has not yet visited Amman, where it was supposed to conduct negotiations immediately after the Riyadh discussions were concluded.

Cairo and Damascus Meanwhile Cairo's formidable propaganda machine continues to direct its fire against the new Damascus government, accusing it—of all things—of conducting unclean and undemocratic elections. There are those who see this as an indication that Abdul Nasser wants to continue to withhold recognition from the Syrian regime, since he had made this conditional on the regime gaining a "popular basis" and since Cairo has made it clear that what has taken place is not exactly its idea of such a basis. This point does not, however, seem to bother anybody in Damascus.

Cairo's whole campaign, which had been directed at making the Syrians abstain from participation in the elections and the referendum on the new Constitution, continues to harp on this point. In this connection, it must be noted that, though participation has exceeded the average and is said to be a record for Syria, no exact statistics are available. In his address to the Syrian people on December 8, for instance, the Minister of Interior stated that the percentage of voters in the general elections, held simultaneously with the referendum, ranged from 48 to 84 in the various constituencies, adding that 97.6 per cent of those who took part in the referendum voted in favour of the new constitution.

But a significant point which has never been established is how many people voted in the elections and whether the figures were identical. The official figure for those taking part in the referendum has been given as 817,880 for and 18,708 against. As the number of voters registered in the whole country was reliably estimated at 1,450,000-1,500,000, however, it transpires that the total of voters in the referendum did not exceed 44 per cent of the electorate. Since the elections and the referendum were held simultaneously, it is difficult to see how this figure can tally with the participation percentages officially given—namely 84 per cent—unless a great number of citizens voted for the candidates but not on the constitution.

Yet even if participation in either the elections and the referendum did not exceed 44 per cent, it remains greater than it was in Syria's last parliamentary elections, which were held in 1954. For Cairo, therefore, the point cannot be more than academic, and it is exceedingly difficult to discover just what the Egyptians are trying to achieve by keeping up their propaganda campaign against Damascus.

Spy Trial Postponed

MEANWHILE, Egypt's new attack of xenophobia seems to be on the ebb—and this may well account for concentration of attention on Syria. Though the official indictment against members of the French Assets Commission, accusing them, among other things, of aiming at "the assassination of the President of the Republic" was issued towards the end of last week, it was suddenly announced the following day that the trial which was to begin this week had been postponed to "complete the marshalling of evidence." This, with the release of the two accused Frenchwomen and one Egyptian, has been taken as indicative of a certain modification in Cairo's position, and may mean the ultimate cancellation of the proposed trial.

Lessons By Radio

THE country's first radio lessons were on Monday broadcast to the Ministry of Education's 1,200 elementary schools. Ministry officials were as yet unable to draw any conclusions on the performance and their effectiveness, but a special committee supervising the programmes was present at a Jerusalem school while the first morning programme was being broadcast. The chairman, the features were enthusiastically received by pupils. For the children there was no doubt the special novelty of listening to the radio in school.

The daily radio lessons, each of 30 to 25 minutes, are aimed at three different groups of schoolchildren: grades one to three; four and five; and six to eight. The two lower groups get two lessons a week, and the top group eight.

Lack of Radios

Of the total number of schools, 64 informed the Ministry that they had not listened in as they had no radio receivers; which does not mean that all the others had sets. The Ministry had stated at the outset that it would help schools without radios or extension speakers to purchase them so that these schools might still have to pass part of the cost on to parents. As it was, many schools supplemented their single radio receiver by transmitters brought by the pupils, since the same lesson is relayed simultaneously to several classrooms.

The schedule for the broadcasts includes series on history, stories for children, geography, Hebrew, music, literature, English, programmes on the Diaspora, and so forth. The Ministry organizers readily admit that the programmes may need some polishing and modifying with time. One problem is to find a common standard and language for all schools. After the first broadcast, suggestions from schools to the Ministry included one that the lessons should be aimed at children of specific communities, but the Ministry does not favour such a method, although it acknowledges that in certain cases a subject might be above the heads of the same class in different schools.

Another sort of problem which faced the supervising committee was that the same broadcasts are directed at both State and State Religious elementary schools. In a "dry run" before broadcasts began, one member took exception to an incident in a geography programme where some people, who are in

Hawaii, go to eat in a Chinese restaurant. The objection was over kosher. Several school principals, asked for comment after the first two days of the programmes, noted that in some cases, as in the history programme on Ezra's rebuilding of the Jerusalem Wall, the subject was very much brought to life. Other principals added little to ordinary lessons. The radio lessons will be a success if they aim at supplementing the teachers' lessons, they say. (This is also the Ministry view and aim.)

The most serious difficulty, according to the principals, seems to be the coordination of the broadcasts with each school's own programme of studies. For the higher grades, there is the problem of coordinating the time of radio lessons with the teaching hours of teachers in specific subjects. Going by the comments of the principals chosen at random, it would seem that many schools will choose and use those programmes they find suitable.

The radio lessons will perhaps be of the greatest value for outlying schools whose staff establishments are not always filled. In time, schools might be able to plan in advance the extra lessons with the radio. No one is ready to pass judgment on the innovation at this early juncture.

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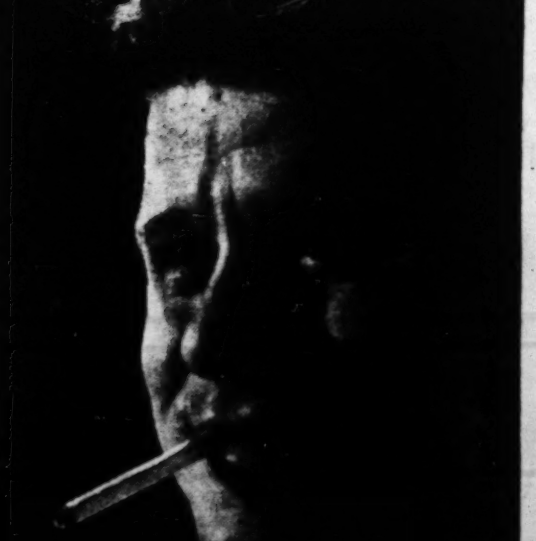
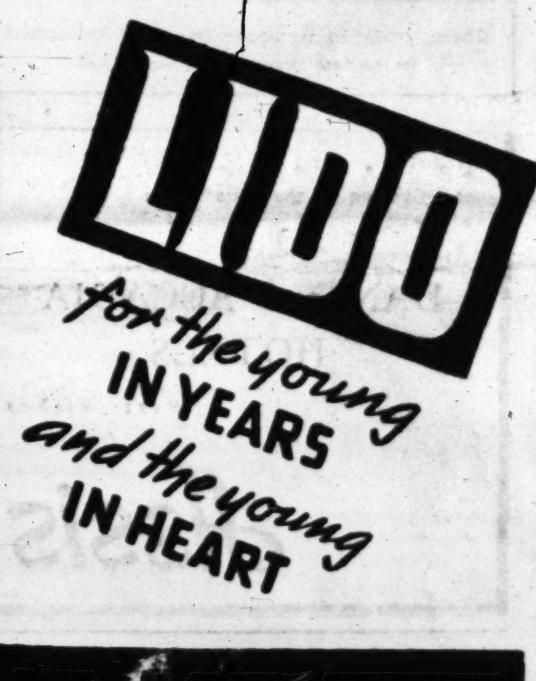
Strikes in the Air

STRIKES are still in the air. The Histadrut teachers say that they are exasperated by the delays—they have been asking for a revision of their status for several years—and the Secretary-General of the Union, Mr. Shalom Levin, has tendered his resignation. The engineers claim the recent changes in prices have made them lose their rightful place in the pyramid of professional salaries; they have submitted evidence that prices have risen 22 per cent while the technical committee which had examined the matter on behalf of the Histadrut maintains the increase was only a few per cent. As a gesture of goodwill the engineers have agreed to accept a raise of only 18.5 per cent—but will strike next Tuesday "to the victorious end" if no agreement is reached by then. The medical profession is also in turmoil, although the warning strike which was called off at the last minute.

How serious the threats are is anybody's guess. Meanwhile, negotiations are in full swing. The windows of the Histadrut executive on Rehov Arlosoroff often remain lit till late in the evening. Everyone is aware that any nominal increase in wages will be absorbed by the treasury within a very short time. The fight is for the benefit of the gap between the wage increase and the price and tax increase.

Becker Optimistic Apparently least perturbed of all is the man at the centre of all these negotiations, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Aaron Becker. Negotiation has been his element for nearly two decades. He is not always a quiet negotiator, but he knows that to listen to grievances is one way of alleviating tension. As for the rest, he is optimistic. A worker will always weigh reality against figures, he maintains, if a way is found to show him where his real benefit lies. By the end of the day, Mr. Becker often loses his voice. But he does not get discouraged; he has seen tougher situations.

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Touch of Exotic in Giant New Wing of Dan Hotel

By Helga Dudman

THE first hundred beds are the hardest, it seems, in the life of a hotel. The Dan, which opened in 1953 with 120 rooms and added 190 over the years, has now added another 60, to say nothing of a whole new wing which includes an impressive lounge, a dimly-lit but worth-seeing grill room, and a neat little cocktail bar. And now that the hammering and clanking are largely over, the whole operation is already running smoothly.

The present expansion is the most ambitious of the hotel's various periods of growth, which could be charted in graphs to show starts and plateaus. Still to come are 50 more rooms (bringing the total to 420), a swimming pool (on the premises now occupied by the Wizo Club) and a garage. By the end of next summer, the Dan management hopes to settle down to a period of sustained but not increasing activity. (The hotel is already heavily booked — around 75 per cent

from the middle of February through May.) Nearly all the installations are made in Israel (with some exceptions, such as certain Belgian carpeting) — from the stainless steel kitchen and good-looking hanging brass lamps in the new Grill Room to the furniture in the lounge.

You enter the spacious new lounge either by turning left from the main entrance, or through any of the eight shops which face both Ha-Arkon Street and the lounge. Here there are three exotic items: pool with fountain, glassed-in garden, and two large wooden birds.

Pool in Lounge

The pool, tiled in blue-green and with a yellow-orange background wall, is equipped with fountains which are usually kept low, at the shyly gurgling stage, but can be turned up to full geyser strength and glimmered with coloured lights. Guests toss about in the fountain. The management did not divulge the weekly take on this item.

A few guests also managed to fall into the pool during its first weeks. "Not fall in, step in," explained a spokesman for the hotel. "It is very shallow." Since then,

the architect has placed a small railing around it. The winter garden at the rear of the lounge is a delightful touch. The top is uncovered and the greenery is now benefiting from the winter rains, though the banana tree is therefore not at its best.

Those two wooden birds, the work of sculptor Rudi Lehman (who usually works in charmingly understated, rather than oversized objects) seem to be the Dan's answer to the Sheraton's architectural wall in the matter of conversation-starters. Guests can describe them in various ways: as Pregnant Ostriches, Prehistoric Tourists, or Reluctant Waiters.

The area rugs on the handsome polished marble floor are mottled combinations of greens, yellows, blues, browns. But their co-existence with the chair mustards, greens, tans, and more — and more — two-toned than seems necessary (greens and browns of not-always-related families) may not be successful in all eyes.

There are some elegant standing lamps — that is, the components are elegant, again it is a question of happy marriages; the shades do not in all cases appear happily or inevitably wedded to the stands.

The ceiling displays an interesting decorative use of brass stripping and line arrangements that resemble magnetic sound track. In fact, there is a sound track: music is piped through the ceiling, not via those horizontal slots, but from little clusters of outlets. The music comes from a special European tape and has been chosen for its restful qualities — Music To Close Big Deals By, or To Pick Up Pretty Girls Too, etc.

Music in Elevators
Piped music also automatically fills two of the lifts — a phenomenon which this reporter found a little unnerving, as though one were in an Egged bus but travelling vertically instead of horizontally. Many visitors, however, may be charmed; those who aren't can patronize the silent lifts.

The radios in the guest rooms upstairs, too, play partly piped music and partly live music — a hotel phenomenon apparently in general use, but not one which gives the guest an accurate sound-picture of what the local population is hearing. In the guest rooms, incidentally, the furniture — writing desks, bedside tables — is bracketed to the walls instead of standing on feet. This is a more complicated installation, but gives the rooms a feeling of airiness and, of course, makes for easier cleaning. The beds are of foam rubber by Gumavir.

At the end of the lobby, near the garden and by the elegant display cases of expensive perfume, is a nice grillwork partition through which you can look down at the little cocktail lounge. The bar here wears a black-and-white calfskin hide, and the little tables are covered in formica (from England) showing designs of either firearms or clocks to suit your personality. Here the

TWO views of the enormous lounge in the new wing of the Dan Hotel. At right is a view looking back to the entrance, the sculptures and pool. At left, are stairs to the shops, at left the corner of the interior garden. Below is a section of the cantilevered entrance staircase above a section of the pool.



Interesting ceiling is a gold design on white; you can make out abstractions, or perhaps, or roosters, or people on horseback. There is red brickwork and dark wood paneling and the rich red-and-gold coloured rug is made in Belgium on a Scandinavian design which manages to convey a Turkish-like kind of geometric beauty.

The management has gone shopping very successfully in Jaffa and come back with a display of splendid copper artefacts set for display in one wall. These will no doubt motivate many a tourist to his own bargain-hunting in Jaffa's flea market.

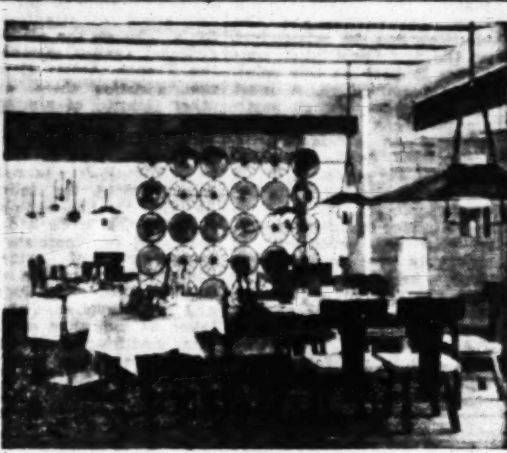
The massive dark wooden door leading from the cocktail lounge to the Grill Room is a faintly ominous 10 centimetres thick. Behind it you are in a vast, dimly-lit room — "And we'll keep it dim," says the management firmly. An international — or perhaps rather, "stateless" — look prevails. There are brass utensils hanging on the wall, and every bit of furniture was locally designed and made; still, the dimly-lit

guest may be hard put to know whether he is at an underground grill room in Finland, Milan, or Chicago. An excellent partition at one end divides a smaller area from the main room. It is made of green glass discs irregularly alternated with wheel-spoke patterns.

Israeli Grill

The Grill Room seats 80. There are six waiters in tuxedos and hours will be 7 p.m. to 12.30 a.m., with a businessman's lunch served from 1 to 2.30. The menu does have three oriental specialties, something not to be found in the main dining room. ("We once did try humus," explained a spokesman, "but it did not appeal to the average tourist." In a Grill Room "you can stray," he added stoutly maintaining also that food as prepared in a specialty room is bound to be higher in quality than run-of-the-mill boiled beef.)

So adventurous tourists will now be able to have humus and ichina (IL1.00) or shakshuka (IL1.50) or kebabs (IL1.00), the latter sandwiched on the menu between Fondue bourguignonne (IL1.50) and Roast Beef au Jus (IL1.50). The day, we hope, will never come when we are Gallicized to the point of humus flambe avec petites pitas.



Characteristic corner of the Dan-Grill Restaurant in the new annex of the Dan Hotel

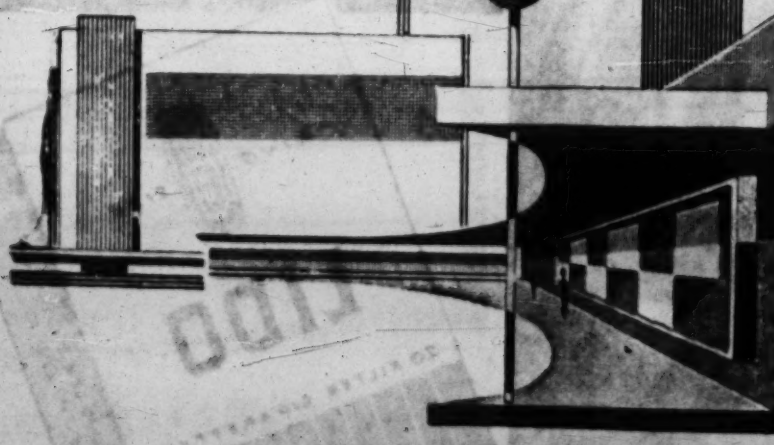
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• Artists' Club: Music — Dancing — Folk songs at the Artists' House, from 9 p.m.

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retary of the International Pediatric Association.

He has given his name to the Franconi syndrome, a disease with symptoms of rickets due to kidney anomalies, which he was the first to describe. He is also the author of many works on pediatrics. Born into a poor farming family, of Italian origin, he virtually lifted himself to renown by his own boot straps.

When he arrived at Lydda Airport on Saturday night, he was met by Ministry officials, and also by a group of parents whose children Dr. Franconi had treated in Zurich. The parents presented the Professor with a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for his help. During his visit, Dr. Franconi was to meet with local doctors at the Jaffa Government hospital to hear follow-up reports on the children he had treated in Zurich during the last few years.

Dr. Franconi said that since the end of the last world war he had treated about 20 Israeli children, and even now he has some. Soon, he said, it won't be necessary. That was a period of transition for Israel; now it had fine institutions.

After the first three days of his visit here, he said he found everything "fascinating and impressive... especially the good looks of the children." He liked the spirit of the people. Dr. Franconi, who must be six feet tall and moves with agility and always with what looks like set purpose, talks with convivial ease, occasionally throwing in a German phrase or two. He had visited a kibbutz, Ma'ale Hahamisha, had lunch with the doctor there, and his taxi driver, was very impressed with the children of the settlement, looked very happy and well cared for.

The collective care of children was probably a very good method in a small kibbutz, he believed; for a large kibbutz, he did not know.

After visiting Hadassah's new Medical Centre at Ein Karem he said it was a "nice and interesting building." Adding: "We are building a new hospital in Zurich," and that he had been "impressed with ideas" at the Centre. But the building here was probably good for Israel's climate, and not for Zurich. For example, the children's bedrooms in the Swiss hospital would look to the outside, while at the Centre there is a corridor, no doubt to keep out the heat, he said. From

his discussions with physicians here he had the impression that treatment and research were on a very high level. He had a "marvellous impression" of President Ben-Zvi, by whom he had been received as being "very human." He has lectured here to packed audiences of physicians on such subjects as "Change of diseases in the last 50 years," "Metabolism of calcium and phosphate," and "Malnutrition in the world."

There are differences between the children of the various countries he visits, he said. For instance, it is different here from his own country. "You have children from under-developed countries. I visited a slum in Jerusalem (the Talpott neighbourhood); I found it very primitive but with clean conditions. The children, mostly looked in very good health, and the state of nutrition was very good. I was interested to see a primitive room with a refrigerator and radio."

Dr. Franconi was bemused by what he found to be a "curious kind of war." He was standing on a rooftop in Jerusalem, looking over at the Jordan side. "A Jordanian soldier saw me, waved, laughed, and shouted greetings. For him, I was a very curious impression of wartime."

Diary of a Housewife

By Hadassah Ben Haim

SON, on one of his brief but cyclonic visits from school, complains that he has not a single button on any of his trousers to hold them up. Hastily I effect a few repairs before disaster overtakes him. He says that these must be very inferior buttons if they jump off every time he draws a breath or turns round, or else it must be that the thread that I use is inadequate for the job. I tell him that even concrete or reinforced concrete sewn on with wire will be useless as long as he insists on fastening his trousers round his hips instead of round his waist.

I explain that Nature has kindly provided a special gap for the facility of belts and apron strings. If he persists in flying in the face of Nature then he must be prepared for catastrophe. I upbraid him with him in a futile struggle to hoist his nether garments to what I consider a reasonable position while he resolutely keeps his hands in his pockets.

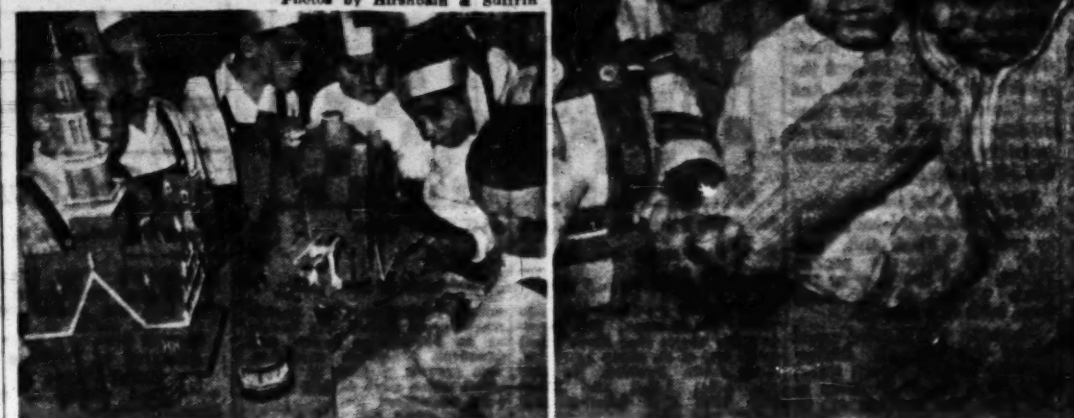
THE struggle is of course unequal as he is used to hauling on anchors and sails and other nautical complications much heavier than his enfeebled and ageing mother. I have to admit that if I were to have my way there would be rather more of his ankle showing than a Victorian Miss would consider proper but I fail to see why this should bother him. He informs me that all the girls now wear their trousers in this half-mast position and that furthermore he wants to take them to the tailor and have them altered to a fashionable narrowness that will allow him to conform to the rest of his schoolmates.

THIS is an entirely new aspect of my son. For many years, in a family not distinguished for its slavishness to the current mode, he has been outstanding in his indifference to conventional attire. When everyone else was dressed in Sabbath whites, their shoes gleaming like mirrors, he alone, at school, appeared in dirty blue shorts with bare feet. At home it has taken the entire family with visitors and neighbours to dress him up for State occasions — over his vociferous protests and bitter comments about tailor's dummies, the superiority of life in Tibet and the folly of vanity. Appeals to see how nice all the other children looked fell on deaf ears. And now, suddenly, his garments have to be regulated according to the taste of the four hundred boys he lives with.

Not that I believe for a minute that they all wear their trousers in that absurd way. There would be a popping off of buttons like a fusillade, and the housemothers would never be able to keep them all decent.



Around the Toy Fund circuit — Photos by Hershman & Suttin



A Ton of Sweets, 15,000 Hanukka Tops

By Helen Rossi

THE Dutch Village, gift of the hands of youngsters at the Neve Tuv Home in Tel Aviv; Mrs. Eleanor B. Reid's wonderful collection of dolls are being fussed over by dozens of little girls in semi-private and Government institutions as well as by some of the polio victims. The children in 475 kindergartens in border and new immigrant villages are now playing with all the wonderful things that came out of the cartons the policemen delivered. At each place they stopped to show the children how everything

worked. And the thank-you letters now make up the bulk of the Toy Fund's mail-box.

The 12th annual drive of The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund was an outstanding success. Cash contributions that have come in so far total IL47,510, once more the highest ever. This year there have been some spectacular gifts — the 80 exquisite dolls that were so lovingly sent by Mrs. Reid of California (and 36 games for boys as well); the 2,500 books donated by the Swedish Embassy; and the charming handmade collections of dolls made by great-grandmothers and grand-

mothers especially for the crew of the vessels calling at the Port during the campaign.

The Hitachd Olad Britania, jointly with the Associations of Americans and Canadians in Tel Aviv again made a special drive for the Fund. They collected 15 sacks of toys and just under IL400 in cash. And on the individual level Mrs. Helen Kalbfleisch, active for the Toy Fund since its inception, brought in over IL200 in a house to house collection on her own initiative. The gesture of the officers and crew of the s.s. Moloket sailing on the Mediterranean, was an outstanding IL475.

Into more than 1,000 gift parcels went almost a ton of sweets, 15,000 Hanukka tops (Hanukka tops, 1,000 dolls, sets of coloured pencils, wheelbarrows, balls, marbles and among the things purchased by the Fund.

Latest list of contributors: IL75 Ampa Ltd., Tel Aviv; IL42.50 Proceeds of Bingo Evening, held at the Centre, Tel Aviv; IL25 Shoham Maritime Services Ltd., Haifa; IL10 Murry Pearl, Fairfield, California; IL4 Sharon Ginsberg, Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Huppert, Ramat Gan; Mrs. M. Lewis, Ramat Gan; Anonymous, Tel Aviv; IL2 Tael Kurand, Tel Aviv; Pupils of the Levi & Yehuda Classes at Upan Etlon, Jerusalem; IL10 F. Berger, Tel Aviv; IL1 E. Greenberg, Tel Aviv.

The Foundation Is Appropriate

By Marje Wolska

LIKE everyone else, makers of corsets and brassieres and women's underwear now have their own international exhibition — the International Fair of Lingerie, Foundation Garments and Underwear — held during three days in October in Cologne. Five hundred underwear firms and 320 corset firms participated, including one from Israel — Mia.

There were hundreds of Israel flags up, all just for me," said Mr. Rudolph Ehrlich, senior partner of the firm of Mia, who took some 30 Mia styles from Tel Aviv to Cologne. "We had only ten square metres, as against 200 or 300 for the big exhibitors. At the fashion shows, which took place every hour, the large firms treated the audience to caviar and champagne. We, of course, did not." Still, Mia turned out to be a central attraction — partly, it seems, because the high quality of Mia garments is respected in the trade; partly because the firm was established 100 years ago in Czechoslovakia and consequently it was an opportunity to renew old, old business attachments. Some of the reunions, in fact, were so warm that Mr. Ehrlich noticed his junior partner "shedding tears."

Corset men, however, are hard-headed as well as soft-hearted, and Mr. Ehrlich had reason for business pleasure. "To our great surprise — and certainly, it could only happen at an exposition — we placed a very large number of orders with foreign buyers. In Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Scandinavia, Ireland and America, among others, for many thousands of garments. (In New York, has been carried by such shops as Bergdorf-Goodman

and Saks Fifth Avenue.) In fact, our production is sold out on export orders through February."

Mia makes some 50 models of girdles and only very few brassieres. There is a much higher profit on the former, although old customers still plead with the company for their favourite old friends among brassieres. On export making up large quantities of a style means savings and price reductions — a major reason, combined with good craftsmanship, why Mia girdles make successful exports. "On a small order for the local market," explains Mr. Ehrlich, "of say 1,200 girdles, each one may take 10 hours of labour time. While on a larger order, for export — let's say 2,500 — labour time is cut to 45 minutes each."

Tough Support There are other distinctions, too, between what goes for export and what is wanted at home. Local women, according to Mr. Ehrlich, seem to feel that a girdle must be made of wood "in order to give support, while women abroad have come to learn that modern materials can give foundations all the needed strength and elasticity while yet being extremely lightweight and pleasant to wear. Corsets going abroad tend to be made with zippers; those to be worn in Israel, with hooks and eyes. Colour breakdowns: for abroad, 95 per cent white, 5 per cent black (one style in black). In Israel, the market prefers 80 per cent white, 30 per cent pink, 20 per cent black.

These follow American numbers, but, of course, for local buyers the garments are marked in centimetres, with 2 cm. between each size in the better garments. Holland

demands larger sizes, Swedish figures require longer garments.

Mia's pattern here — at least geographically — is of equally strong sales in Tel Aviv and Haifa, somewhat less in Jerusalem, and "very big" in places like Beer-Sheva and Rehovot. Mr. Ehrlich has a 15-year-old granddaughter who, he claims, has just received her first girdle after considerable insistence because, "the other girls in the class were wearing them." This can hardly be typical, even in Tel Aviv; and at any age, is no substitute for good posture and a bit of walking.

Assuming the appropriate foundation for the appropriate woman, however, Mia prides itself on fine workmanship, quality and all that can be expected of an established name. "During the austerity period," recalls Mr. Ehrlich, "we made utility brassieres. Material was very poor, production extremely difficult, and actually we lost a shilling on every one. But my wife said, 'That's not important. The important thing is that the name Mia is on each one.'"

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The Abused Allergy

By Dr. Peter Ben

ALLERGY is one of the most abused terms in medicine, misused by both laymen and doctors in very many cases. It is a very complex phenomenon whose basic pathological process may be defined as an antigen-antibody reaction occurring in certain patients, and producing in them the symptoms of disease. This definition distinguishes an allergy from immunity. The latter is also an antigen-antibody reaction, but one which is beneficial and does not produce any symptoms of illness. Not only that, but it is one of the most healthy manifestations of the protective mechanisms with which our bodies guard us against infectious diseases.

For example, when the virus of measles enters our body and produces the disease, the protective mechanisms of the body are stimulated to produce specific antibodies against this virus. When sufficient antibodies are present the virus is overcome by them and the disease regresses. These specific antibodies remain in the organism as long as it lives, and whenever the same virus gains entrance into the body they immediately attack it and annihilate it. In other words, permanent immunity has been conferred by their existence. Not only that, but the pregnant mother transfers these antibodies to her child's bloodstream, and the baby is subsequently immune from the disease for the first three or four months of its life — and as long as it suckles.

In other diseases the immunity is limited to a certain period of time, gradually disappearing over a period of years. On the other end of the scale are such extremely common conditions as influenza in which the immunity conferred is very short-lived, i.e. the antibodies disappear rapidly, so that each one of us suffers several attacks every year.

The same mechanism operates in allergies. Here, however, we deal with cases of abnormal antigen-antibody reactions which may cause a variety of symptoms and sometimes be fatal. The body protects itself by the formation of antibodies against practically all substances foreign to it, but especially so against foreign proteins. The first time a foreign protein — an "allergen" — enters, nothing happens outwardly, but antibodies are produced in response to the stimulus.

At this stage the body has become "sensitized" against the allergen. When next the allergen enters, a massive antibody reaction against it occurs, producing one or more of a variety of harmful symptoms. There are cases in which this reaction gets more severe and more rapid with each subsequent entry of the allergen, until it may cause shock and collapse within a matter of minutes, and even death unless a proper antidote is immediately available and used.

The most common allergens whose action is observed in every-day medical practice are the pollen of certain plants and trees causing

"Hay Fever" or "Vasomotor Rhinitis" and certain chemical substances, prominent among which are the detergents. These cause Contact Dermatitis in persons sensitive to them, usually in the form of Eczema. Lastly, "drug allergies" are becoming increasingly common with the rapid introduction of many new drugs. Best known among these is of course, penicillin allergy, but practically all other antibiotics and sulphadiazine drugs are equally capable of producing allergies.

In persons sensitive to them, as are a great many other drugs. Some people may even become allergic to ordinary aspirin. It is as yet a mystery why one person becomes allergic to a certain drug while most others do not.

The commonest symptoms of "hypersensitivity" or allergy are skin rashes varying from minor rashes resembling a wild case of measles to massive swellings all over the body which constitute the lesions of "Giant Urticaria." The commonest form is ordinary Urticaria or Hives, crops of wheel-like swellings which itch intensely. Another common symptom is swelling of the joints usually seen when there exists a hypersensitivity to such substances as anti-tetanus serum.

On the other hand, a number of common conditions are often grouped among the allergies without any proper scientific basis for it. Chief among these are asthma and eczema. The former is almost never a true allergic condition; neither is the latter, except in cases of contact dermatitis described above.

Numerous cases of allergic skin manifestations are examined by doctors daily. Many of these cannot be connected with any known allergens on even the most careful investigation on the part of the doctor. In many of these instances they are then labelled "food allergy" for lack of a better explanation, and prolonged dietary restrictions are imposed on the patient, often covering such a wide range of foods that the patient's life becomes quite miserable. In the case of children, in whom these "allergies" tend to occur particularly frequently, these restrictions often include food materials that are vital for their growth.

The number of authentic food allergies is exceedingly small, and there is really no justification for diet restrictions unless they are proven by the simple fact that the symptoms appear every time that particular food is eaten, and only then. Even in these relatively rare proven cases, only the particular food item responsible should be restricted and no other. The majority of these cases are cured by means of simple anti-allergic drugs, and recurrences are uncommon.

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RADIO REVIEW

Bringing Out Dublin in Hebrew

THE choice this week for "Curtain UP" fell on "Cassidy's Juno And The Paycock," a play set during the time of the "troubles" in Ireland. In the middle of the 1920s, the translators, Haim Hefer and Shabbetai Tevet, concentrated on a style of colloquial Hebrew; obviously, no attempt at an equivalent to an Irish accent and construction of speech could be made. One awaited with a certain anticipation and trepidation, however, the translation of such expressions as a "darling man" and a world in "a state of chaos." "For the sake of the word 'darling', where the Hebrew expression is a common one, but the rendering of 'chaos' was more successful.

Although "Juno" is a tragedy it is a very funny play — laughter and tears being constantly intermingled so that one hardly knows where one begins and the other ends. As in life, as much time and attention is given to trivialities as to profoundly serious events and it is just this juxtaposition that makes for the effectiveness of this great play. This point seems to have been missed by the producer, Zalman Leshem, who, for instance, cut the scene of the justification at the party at Captain Boyle's home to an extent that the contrast between the funeral of the Irish Republican fighter which flashes through the party, the violent change in mood, and then again the party picking up and life going on as before, was lost.

Wrong Music

Dublin's alma, the scene of the play, a tough, urban, poor, depressed, shabby, troubled area, are very far removed from the whimsical Ireland of folk songs — but just such a song was chosen as the background for the scene, sounding an alien note. When for instance, a gramophone is acquired by the Boyles and with great excitement a record is put on to entertain the assembled company, the one chosen by O'Casey is "If You're Irish, Come Into The Parlour." A jolly music hall song. The one chosen by Leshem was a sentimental song of the hills and dales, a choice far removed from the tragic fate of Captain Boyle rather like the play set in the Hattiva quarter being interlarded with music from the hills of Galilee. O'Casey is a realist, not a "cup of tea" from Lady Gregory and Yeats.

Shraga Freedman's Captain Boyle was not sufficiently extravagant and frugal, but Raphael Klatskin's Joxer Daly, the feckless whining opportunist guttersnipe loaded with that irresistible Irish humor, was not too rich comic character we know him

to be Rachel Marcus, as Juno, still needed the innate humor that is part of the life and makeup of that people, without which they would not be the people that they are. Their troubles. The smaller parts were well done.

Altogether, a rather disappointing production.

THE weekly programme "Learn A Song," taught by Meir Harnik, with a regular team of singers, is always very charming. Harnik's informal manner, the spontaneous interruptions from the group who often burst into laughter at some remark, make the programme a very enjoyable one. It seems that the necessary amount of preparation has been made before recording and from then on the thing goes with a swing of its own. However, this week the choice of song was rather surprising. The first, a Swedish folk song without words, had a very pleasant tune, but the second was an Elsie revolutionary song of the twenties, translated by the late Yitzhak Shenhart. The period of the heyday of Brecht and Kurt Weill was also the Elsie period, and for many years afterwards these stern, powerful, star tunes were sung by the Left. It is not rarely one might hear one of these songs in Israel. The song chosen for the week was "The People's Front" by the late Yitzhak Shenhart. The period of the heyday of Brecht and Kurt Weill was also the Elsie period, and for many years afterwards these stern, powerful, star tunes were sung by the Left. It is not rarely one might hear one of these songs in Israel. The song chosen for the week was "The People's Front" by the late Yitzhak Shenhart.

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West to throw a heart, and
North discards the spade.
East is squeezed in his turn
must either establish de-
clarer's club or set up dum-
my's third heart.

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North has a lay-down for
12 tricks, and the thirteenth
winner seems to depend on an
even break in spades.

East's opening club lead is
won in dummy and reveals
West's void. If East were now
to hold four or more spades as
well, his jack could either be
finessed or he could be
squeezed in the black suits:
North's only worry is there-
fore to provide against the
spades being with West. And
the lead of the king from
dummy to test the situation
immediately proves that West
has all the spades.

Now the situation is clear:
both opponents are committed
to protect a black suit, and
both will have to protect
hearts. And the play of the
tenth winner should bring them
both to a squeeze.

Normally this squeeze would
be of the ordinary double-
squeeze variety. North would
develop a threat in clubs. If
his hand and another one in
spades in dummy, using
hearts for intercommunication.
But under the circum-
stances this squeeze will not
operate: dummy cannot possi-
bly discard his long heart on
the third club trick —
because declarer himself has
no third heart to develop a
threat in this suit; and if he
discards a spade, declarer
will have to hold his own
long spade. However, the
fourth diamond will then
squeeze declarer himself.

The solution lies in correct
timing. Declarer takes two
more clubs, shedding a spade
from dummy, and two more
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three diamonds. The situation
is now:

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